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SUBJ: TERRORISM: MORE ON ALGERIAN REACTION TO RECENT EVENTS: OTHER  
DEVELOPMENTS

1. ALGERIAN PRESS HAS REACTED VIOLENTLY TO WHAT IT CONSIDERS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF FOREIGN MEDIA TO GOA'S RECENT STANCE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY "EL MOUDJAHID" HAS ASSERTED THAT AFP MISREPRESENTED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS RECENT BAADER MENHOF ATTACK AT MOGADISCIO AND SUICIDES IN FRG (ALGIERS 2627 NOTAL). EL MOUDJAHID ALSO TAKES NOTE OF MOROCCAN AND FRENCH PUBLICATIONS WHICH CALLED ALGERIAN MOTIVES INTO QUESTION AND CHARGES THESE JOURNALS WITH AIDING REACTIONARY, ZIONIST CONSPIRACY AGAINST FORCES OF PROGRESS IN GENERAL AND ALGERIAN REVOLUTION IN PARTICULAR. PRESS HERE ALSO CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT ITS MOTIVES IN ACCEPTING JRA TERRORISTS AND PRISONERS WERE STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN.

2. WEST GERMAN EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT ALGERIANS ARE BEING QUITE COOPERATIVE IN HELPING LUFTHANSA TO UPGRADE SECURITY OF ITS PLANES AT ALGIERS AIRPORT. ADDITIONAL LUFTHANSA SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE BEING PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN AND AROUND LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT, AND BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL SEARCHES ARE NOW THOROUGH. ONLY POINT OF DIS-  
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AGREEMENT IS ON FINAL SEARCH OF PASSENGERS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BOARDING OF AIRCRAFT. GOA HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT ALGERIAN POLICE MAY CONDUCT SUCH SEARCHES BUT THAT LUFTHANSA PERSONNEL MAY DO SO ONLY ONCE PASSENGERS HAVE BOARDED PLANE.

3. WEST GERMAN EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT IT HAS REQUESTED GOA TO PUBLISH STATEMENT SAYING THAT IT HAS NOT YET RELEASED JRA HIJACKERS.

ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREED TO CONSIDER REQUEST BUT AS YET HAS NOT GIVEN REPLY.

4. ACCORDING TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA, WEST GERMAN EMBASSY IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT LOCAL SECURITY BECAUSE LUFTHANSA OFFICE IN ALGIERS RECEIVED NOTE SIGNED BY BAADER MEINHOF GROUP SAYING, IN EFFECT, "YOU GOT OUR LEADERS, AND NOW WE WILL GET ONE OF YOU."

5. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ALSO TELLS US THAT HE UNDER PRESSURE FROM WHITEHALL TO OBTAIN SAME SECURITY PROTECTION FOR BRITISH AIRCRAFT LANDING HERE AS HAS BEEN ACCORDED TO LUFTHANSA. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH MAY HAVE RECEIVED SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS WELL.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE LIMITED EFFORT AT COOPERATING WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES ON LOCAL AIRPORT SECURITY, OVERALL ATTITUDE OF GOA TOWARDS ITS INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO BE MARKED BY HYPERSENSITIVITY TO CHARGES OF COMPLICITY AND BY SECRETIVENESS REGARDING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH TERRORISTS. STEPHAN

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